Today at Red House

Bull delivery set

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Senior age beef bulls are being delivered to Red House Bull Evaluation Center today. It is anticipated that a capacity group of about 125 will be put on feed and begin test August 25.

These bulls will come from 35 Virginia herds and 5 North Carolina farms.

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Only one incident of blue mold has been reported in Virginia. This was in one acre of burley adjacent to a plant bed, in Scott County. Ridomil had not been used.

There's a different story in Kentucky -- 3000 cases in 42 counties. Some blue mold activity has been found in fields where Ridomil was used at less than recommended rates.

No blue mold has been reported on flue, dark-fired or sun-cured tobacco in Virginia.

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We've seen two examples of lightening injury to tobacco and one case of blackshank.

If you have disease problems in tobacco let us see them while they are fresh.

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We've had several calls regarding a r m yworms feeding on late corn. The best control is with Lannate at one quart per acre.

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The Southern Flue-cured Tobacco Festival and the Tobacco Farmer Show at Greensville, NC, are again sponsoring a contest to determine the most perfect bundle of flue tobacco.

Three Virginia samples will be selected for the show. Plaques and prize money will be given the top three placing in the lug, cutter and leaf groupings.

Each bundle must contain 15 leaves. Entries must be in the County Extension Office by October 11, wrapped in plastic and properly identified.

More specific regulations are available from this office.

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In recent months, the U.S. Tax Court has overruled the I.R.S. and allowed a tax decution for lost trees. In a decision made public November 23, the court held that the Arlington, VA home of the McKean's had dropped $15,000 in value because an 80 ft. century - old black oak tree that dominated the front yard had been killed by insects called two-line chestnut borers.

A few days earlier, the court found that the home of the Bowers' in Lebanon, IN was worth $19,500 less after a tornado destroyed a dozen trees on their 14 acre tract.

Under Federal law, a person who itemizes deductions may claim a deduction for non-business losses "if such losses arise from fire, storm, shipwreck or other casualty, or from theft." The first $100 of uninsured loss is borne by the taxpayer, the remainder may be deducted. In the Bowers' case, the IRS relied on a real estate appraiser who concluded that the storm did not damage the overall value of the land and property. The court rejected that finding because it "seems to be based entirely on . . . (the) conclusion that . . . (the couple) had so many trees that a loss of 12 caused no measurable harm."

This leads me to comment that a number of Red Oak trees are dying from Oak Wilt in Appomattox County. The leaves turn brown and are shed. There is no practical control. This disease may, but is less likely, to affect White Oaks.

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The no-net-cost program for tobacco will become a reality. Some changes are effective immediately:

1. Fall leasing is eliminated for the 1982 crop.
2. Effective with the 1982 crop, the price support check-off fee applies to all classes of tobacco. The purpose of this fee is to finance the price support program. Flue tobacco will have a 3c per pound assessed on all first sales -- whether at the warehouse or not. Fees on other types are to be determined.
3. The check-off fee will be deducted on a per pound basis by the warehouse or other buyer and made available to the respective cooperative association.
4. Effective with the 1982 flue cured crop, the annual increase in the support price will be 65 percent of the previous rate of increase. Thus, the 1982 support price for flue cured tobacco will be $1.699 rather than $1.76.

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The Southern Piedmont Forage Tour will be in Cumberland County Tuesday, August 17. Tour begins at 8:30 from Cumberland High School and will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

I hope many of you can attend. Programs available from this office.

Three graduate

Three students from this area graduated from Virginia Tech in commencement exercises there June 12.

Bennett W. Paulette and William D. Perdue, both of Appomattox, received Bachellor of Science degrees from VPI. Paulette's degree is in Poultry Science, and Perdue's degree is in Agricultural Engineering.

Marzetta F. Hodnett of Spout Spring also received a Bachelor of Science degree. Hodnett's degree is in Clothing Textiles and Related arts.

WOW to meet

Woodmen of the World, Lodge 71, will meet Monday night, Aug. 16, at the WOW building in Appomattox.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Martin in England

Airman First Class Jeffrey Martin left August 6 for two months duty in England.

Martin is stationed at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina.

Happiness is 4-H

Dairy workshop set Friday

A 4-H Dairy Workshop will be held Friday afternoon, August 13, at the Torrence Dairy Farm from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The workshop's purpose is to help young people with selecting, feeding, fitting and showing dairy calves and heifers. 4-H and FFA members and their parents are invited to attend this training session. The program will be especially helpful for those young people hoping to exhibit dairy heifers in the Five County Fair. Mr. Dennis Torrence and son, Zane, will be helping to conduct the workshop.

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A mini-modeling school will be held on Thursday, August 12 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Appomattox County High School Cafeteria. Mrs. Bonnie Hayes will conduct the workshop for 4-H members who are interested in modeling clothing items which they have made. Mrs. Hayes will be giving tips on grooming, posture, poise and gracefulness.

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The Appomattox Farm Bureau Women's Committee will sponsor the 1982 4-H Fashion Revue on Tuesday, August 24, at the Appomattox County High School. Special ribbons will be awarded to all participants and rosette ribbons will be awarded in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions to the top winners. Judging of the garments or outfits will take place at 10 a.m. at the high school cafeteria on the 24th, while the fashion revue and awards program will begin at 7 p.m. Participants are asked to call the Extension Office in order to obtain a Dress Revue and Description of Outfit Form.

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Darrell Conner and Richard Conner are two of seventy participants in the 1982 Youth Conservation Camp being held this week on the VIRGINIA Tech Campus in Blacksburg. During the week, young people are getting a first hand look at natural resources conservation problems and solutions. The week long session is sponsored by the Virginia State Soil and Water Conservation Commission with support from Soil and Water Conservation Districts across Virginia. Darrell and Richard were members of Appomattox's State Winning Soils Judging Team this past June.

As we approach a new 4-H year, the need for additional volunteer leaders is always a top priority. Adult volunteers can serve as community club leaders, project leaders or simply help several 4-H'ers complete their individual projects or prepare their Fair exhibits. If you are willing to donate some time to help young people learn and develop, give us a call at the Extension Office, 352-8244.

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